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INVENTOR REFUSES TO SIGN THE DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a))**

Dear Sir:

1. This Declaration of Pertinent Facts is submitted in support of the accompanying Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).
2. Mr. Helmut Ponn, one of two named inventors, has refused to join in the present application and sign the needed declaration.
3. I have made diligent efforts to obtain the signature of Mr. Ponn on the needed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment in the above-identified application. Nevertheless, Mr. Ponn refuses to so join and sign. As noted in the attached Certificate of Service (a certified English-language translation of which is attached as Exhibit A), Mr. Ponn no longer works for the Assignee of this invention and application, Volvo Car Corporation.

4. Throughout 2001, I mailed Mr. Ponn by first class mail, telephoned him and personally delivered documents to his home, requesting that he execute the necessary documentation for filing in this case and related cases. I personally know by having reached Mr. Ponn and his wife by telephone that he has received the documents and is fully aware of my requests. Nevertheless, Mr. Ponn has continued to refuse to join and sign the required documentation.

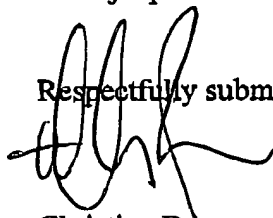
5. Filing of the above-identified application without Mr. Ponn's signature is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties and to prevent irreparable damage. A response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application is due by no later than 19 February 2002, without payment of extension of time fees. Failure to grant this petition may result in the Patent and Trademark Office deeming the application abandoned, thus irreparably harming the assignee, Volvo Car Corporation.

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7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that the statements are made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney Docket No. 47874.267151**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**☒ Original☐ Supplemental☐ Substitute☐ PCT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**VEHICLE LOCK DEVICE**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on 4 December 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/683,233.

☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on -- (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

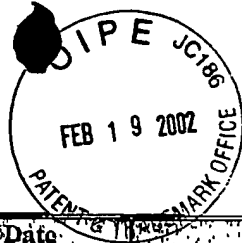
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified, by checking the box below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications			Priority Claimed		Copy Attached	
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